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DISEASE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Confirmation No. 5274**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated July 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The time for response has now been extended three months.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.